

## NATION FACES BIG QUESTION.

## WILSON WRITES OF DECISION AT HAND.

President Asks if Radical Changes of Policy Shall be Made Now—Says Peace and Good Will Toward All is Policy of Nation.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 28.—In a message opening his campaign of letter writing President Wilson declared tonight that "the question is about to be determined whether we shall keep the nation upon its present terms of peace and good will with the world or turn to radical changes of policy which may alter the whole aspect of the nation's life."

The president wrote the letter to Miss Leona L. Larrabee, president of the Women's Democratic club of Portland, Ore., thanking her for work being done in his behalf by the organization.

"I can not help having the feeling," said the president's letter, "that the intelligent women of Oregon need no suggestion or intimation from me as to what are the real issues of the present campaign or real concern that women must have with those issues. As a very sincere advocate of the extension of the suffrage to women, it seems to me a very great disservice to the cause that partisan use should be made of it, particularly at a time as critical as this, when the question is about to be determined whether we shall keep the nation upon its present terms of peace and good will with the world or turn to radical changes of policy which may alter the whole aspect of the nation's life."

In another letter to Howard A. Williams of Jackson, Miss., expressing regret that he can not attend the annual convention of the Young Men's Business Clubs of America at Jackson on October 10 the president declared that the future business development of the country rests in an unusual and peculiar degree at present in the hands of young business men.

"The problems of the future in the field of business are going to be new problems very largely," he wrote, "for old problems in a new form. It will need imagination, vigor and energy to deal with them as they should be dealt with and the young men of this generation should be preparing themselves in mind and purpose for the new problems. Since I am not, I can only ask you to utter for me and to assure the gentlemen assembled of my profound interest in the part they are to play in the future development of the great nation we love."

The president made it clear again tonight that he has no intention of making a campaign tour. It was reiterated that all speeches made by him away from Shadow Lawn will be before non-partisan organizations and generally speaking will be non-political in form.

In reply to an invitation to make an extra speech on one of his Middle Western trips, Secretary Tumulty wrote tonight that no plans were being made for any rear platform speeches by the president. On these trips the president's private car will be attached to regular trains and only the regular stops will be made. A suggestion has been made here that a Wilson day be celebrated before the election in all parts of the country, the president to write a message for the occasion. The plans are only tentative, however. Today the president discussed political questions with Miss Ida Tarbell, a magazine writer, and late this afternoon received a group of moving picture operators who took him in various poses.

## KILLED BY HIS SON.

J. C. Crosswell of McCormick Shot by Horace Crosswell.

McCormick, Sept. 28.—J. C. Crosswell, aged 55, was shot and killed this afternoon by his son, Horace, aged 17.

From what can be learned the father was in argument with his wife, which came to a heated discussion, when the younger Crosswell intervened in behalf of his mother.

When the father turned on him he is said to have grabbed a shotgun and fired, the whole load taking effect in the face of his father.

Death was instantaneous. Magistrate Holloway went immediately to the scene and held an inquest, the verdict being that the man met death by gunshot wounds at the hands of Horace Crosswell.

## TRAINED NURSE INDICTED.

Attempted to Blackmail Prominent Physician.

Cincinnati, Sept. 29.—Miss Margaret Gorry, a trained nurse, has been arrested charged with attempting to blackmail Dr. C. A. Reed, a prominent physician. Her arrest followed the grand jury indictment. The nurse demanded twenty thousand dollars as the price of her silence.

## BIG FINE FOR ENTICING LABOR.

## A \$3,000.00 LICENSE FEE IN EACH COUNTY.

Agent of Pennsylvania Railroad Defending Colored Emigrant Agent in Marlboro County.

Fee Dee Advocate.

A few weeks ago two white agents of northern railroads were in this county, soliciting labor, and succeeded in carrying off several carloads of negroes, without being interfered with.

They left here a negro agent, George Brown, who once lived in this county and returned as an agent of the railroads. He was preparing to take off another train load of negroes, and the time was appointed for the train to leave. But Mayor Breeden had Brown arrested and placed in jail. The case was turned over to the county authorities for prosecution.

As soon as it was learned that Brown was in jail, Mr. Mercer, a white agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, came to try to get Brown out. After he had been in jail several days he was released on \$1,000 bond, given in a fidelity company. The bond is for his appearance for trial at court here next week.

Section 896 of the criminal code of South Carolina provides:

"No person shall carry on the business of an emigrant agent in this State without first having obtained a license therefor from the county treasurer of each county in which he solicits migrants. Any person shall be entitled to a license, which shall be good for one year, upon payment into the county treasury, for the use of said county, two thousand dollars in each county in which he operates or solicits emigrants, for each year so engaged. Any person doing business of an emigrant agent without having first obtained said license, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine, not less than one thousand dollars and not more than five thousand dollars, or may be imprisoned in the county jail or on the public works not less than four months, or confined in the State prison, at hard labor, not exceeding two years for each and every offense, within the discretion of the court."

It is stated in this act, shall be construed to mean any person engaged in hiring laborers or soliciting emigrants in this State, to be employed beyond the limits of the same.

## From North Carolina Also.

Wilmington, Sept. 21.—"We could have gotten 500 laborers here in Wilmington, just as easy as a carload," declared General Foreman J. D. Ross of the New York Central Railroad Company, at Weehawken, N. J., last night to a representative of The Star, just before the train carrying 50 colored laborers, pulled out of the station for New York.

Our company has a thousand freight cars backed up in the yards at Weehawken opposite New York City right now, and more coming in constantly and we haven't near enough longshoremen to unload them," he added. "These laborers I am taking off tonight will be used to replace the Austrians and Italians who have hitherto done this class of work, but who are now fighting their countries' battles in Europe. These 500 laborers will be used in unloading and loading west bound freight cars and also barges for the export trade."

"I should see about 25,000 negro laborers have been imported into and around New York city within the past four months. Most of them have been secured in the South."

## LAKE CITY LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Representative Farmers Meet and Agree to Borrow Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Lake City, Sept. 29.—A number of representative farmers of this section held a meeting here this afternoon to consider the organization of a national farm loan association. After carefully considering the merits of this new law 32 of those present signed the articles of the association in which they agreed to borrow under its provision over \$60,000. A temporary organization was perfected by the election of the following board of directors: J. J. M. Graham, J. B. Burch, J. B. DuRant, A. W. Rodgers, R. A. B. Calder, P. L. Whitlock and O. T. Anderson, which in turn elected the following officers: J. J. M. Graham, president; J. B. DuRant, vice president; W. Wesley Singletary, secretary-treasurer.

The following board of appraisers was appointed: J. E. Burch, J. D. DuRant. All of those approached favor Columbia for the location of the federal land bank of this district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rembert Hill, of Jacksonville, Fla., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Hill.

## REICHSTAG IN SESSION.

## GALLERIES CROWDED AS CONVENTION OPENS.

President Kaempf Declares That Economic and Military Situation of Germany is Satisfactory—Knows of Roumanian Intrigues Says Chancellor.

Berlin, Sept. 29.—The Reichstag autumn session has opened. The galleries were crowded and the foreign diplomats were present. Many of the reichstag members wore uniforms, some wore bandages. President Kaempf declared Germany's economic and military position is satisfactory in every respect. Amid deep silence the chancellor reviewed the diplomatic history preceding the Roumanian intervention. The chancellor said that Germany was not deceived by Roumanian intrigues.

## McLENDON PROMISES SENSATION.

Says He Will Soon Give Out Open Letter Showing Why He Voted for Blease.

Yorkville Enquirer.

Haxter F. McLendon, the well-known evangelist, who is now holding forth in Greenville, has given out the following:

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 21, 1916.

Rev. Pierce Watson, Bishopville, S. C. My Dear Brother: A little fellow by the name of Rogers at Florence, has distributed a telegram that he sent me and my reply all over the State. I never do anything that is covered up. And I had my personal reasons for voting for Cole Blease. As far as working for any candidate I never opened my mouth. Several of my friends have wondered why I voted for him. If I had told the people why I voted for him, before the election he would have been governor of South Carolina today. I am a busy man, and as several of my friends are insisting, or at least wanting to know why it was that I voted for him, just as soon as this evangelistic campaign is over I am coming out in an open letter and giving my reason. (1 Peter 3:15)

Now Bro. Watson, I never hit anything with a tack hammer, and when I write this letter I am going to let some people like a sledge hammer and struck them. At one time I was the most bitter man in this State. I was a Cole L. Blease. I have kept something covered up for about five years that has never been told in this State, but just as soon as I have the time I am going to give out an open letter which will put a different complexion on things.

You are privileged to show this letter to any one.

The prospects for a great revival in this town are good. I'll send you a paper. In His Name,

B. F. McLendon.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE.

Crown Council to Be Held Today—Ultimatum to Be Sent to Bulgaria.

London, Sept. 29.—Swift war developments are expected to follow the session of the crown council at Athens today. The Greek ultimatum to Bulgaria has been prepared. The chief demand upon Bulgaria is the evacuation of Greek soil, which the Germanic allies promised to respect.

Preparations for the mobilization in Greece are being rushed. King Constantine is still ill. He maintains a heavy body guard around his palace. Groups of army officers are proclaiming allegiance to Venizelos, who will probably be the leader of the new government.

## WEST POINT EXAMINATIONS.

To Be Held at University of South Carolina on October 6th.

The competitive examination to fill a vacancy at West Point and one at Annapolis will be held at the University of South Carolina on October 6th. It is open to young men of any part of the State. Senator E. D. Smith will make the appointments.

The applicants are required to submit to the examiners on the day of examination a physician's certificate of health and bodily soundness. The requirements also of age and legal residence should be met. The candidates will bring writing and drawing materials to be used in their work. As to the nature of the examination the published bulletins of the military and naval academies will give a good general idea. Eight subjects are included: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry (three books), Grammar, Composition and Rhetoric, United States History, Geography and Spelling. The test will conform closely, not necessarily strictly to the published requirements.

The young men competing for the honors of appointment will assemble on Friday morning in room 8 of Davis college at 8:45. An intermission of an hour is given at 1 o'clock and the examination ends at 6 o'clock.

For further information communicate with Senator E. D. Smith.

## FOR HIGHER COTTON PRICES.

## FARMERS' COMMITTEE URGES FARMERS TO HOLD FOR MORE MONEY.

Resolution Says Farmers Can Command Fancy Price, if They Will Wait and Demand More—Some Expect Thirty Cents a Pound.

Columbia, Sept. 28.—At a meeting of farmers in the Jerome Hotel this afternoon a committee, consisting of R. M. Cooper, E. W. Dabbs and W. A. Stuckey, drew up an address to the farmers and business men of the State, outlining in their opinion that cotton will bring much higher prices if held.

In part they recommended: "We are reliably informed that in this State there are mills that have sold their products at a handsome profit, based on twenty-two cents a pound for short cotton and other mills at from thirty to forty cents a pound for staple cotton; that these prices can be had if the farmers and business men will but join in demanding them and refuse to sell for less."

"How much higher prices may go we would not like to predict. We have heard of well informed men who look for thirty cents for short cotton per pound, and ninety dollars a ton for seed at high water mark, depending upon two things, the further increase of money in circulation and a full informing of the farmers and business men of the State of the true value of cotton and cotton seed, compared with the cheapness of money and the small supply of cotton."

## COUNTY FAIR BUILDING.

Lee County Getting Ready for the First County Fair.

The editor rode out to the fair grounds yesterday with Mr. Roland Hearon, one of the building committee. He was perfectly amazed at the rapidity of work done since the foundation of the main building was marked off just one month ago. The main building is 150x150 feet in the form of a cross—each wing measuring 50x50 with a center square of same dimensions. The foundation is of brick to which the sills are bolted with 32 inch rods, the ends of which are securely imbedded in cement and rock 2 1/2 or 3 inches under the foundation. The structure is of dressed pine both outside and in and the framing is securely braced against storm and cyclones. The sides and gables are weather boarded after German patent which gives it a neat and attractive finish. The sheeting and rafters are all of dressed lumber which gives the interior the appearance of being ceiling. The roof is being covered with galvanized iron. The building is under the direct supervision of Messrs. J. P. Kilgore and G. W. Houck, who visited Orangeburg, Florence, Lexington and other counties that have fair buildings in order to study the good points of each and eliminate the bad, so that they could profit by their mistake and erect an ideal fair building. How far they have succeeded is best told in looking over the commodious and well planned main building. A finished architect could not have made a blue print to suit the occasion better. It is situated outside the enclosure of the base ball ground just across the road to the left of the ball park. In addition to the main building there will be a stable of 50 stalls for horses, a building 50x100 for cattle, one 20 by 40 for hogs and sheep, all of which will be ready by Nov. 1. The main building will be ready the first week in October. It is now up to exhibitors to fill these large buildings with exhibits. Already concessions to manufacturers of farm implements and machinery are being made to test their implements which will be highly interesting as there is ample room for such tests. The outside attraction will be fine and the best that can be had.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

## BOY RESCUES GIRL.

Joe Galney Retrieves Unconscious Bertha Lockany From Swollen Creek Near Olympia.

Columbia, Sept. 30.—Miss Bertha Lockany, 15 years old, of the Olympia mill village narrowly escaped drowning early yesterday in Hot Water branch near its junction with the Congaree river. The young girl was rescued by Joe Galney, a young boy, after she had gone down two or three times. Miss Lockany was unconscious when taken from the water. Jack Graddock, a boy of about the same age as Miss Lockany, fell in at the same time but was able to save himself.

Miss Lockany and Graddock with several companions went to the pasture along the Congaree to drive in some cows. The two attempted to cross the branch on a steel rail when they lost their balance and tumbled into the stream, which was swollen much by the rains of the previous night. The mother of the girl was on the bank, but was powerless to help.

## FIGHT ON MEXICAN SOIL.

## ONE HUNDRED VILLA FOLLOWERS KILLED.

Uribe, Bandit Leader, Captured in Battle, Which Also Resulted in Heavy Losses to Carranza.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Sept. 28.—More than 100 Villa followers were killed, the bandit leader Eudilio Uribe was taken prisoner and heavy casualties suffered by Carranza forces in a terrific fight at Cusiuhirachic, an important mining centre about 50 miles southwest of Chihuahua City, according to a message received this afternoon by Gen. Trevino from Gen. Matias Ramos, who was himself slightly wounded.

Details of the fight were few and were appended to the request of Gen. Ramos for surgeons and medical supplies. A hospital corps detachment was accordingly rushed to the scene by train.

It is stated that the garrison at Cusiuhirachic cooperated with the forces of Ramos but whether they were attacked or had been the aggressors does not appear.

Beaudilio Uribe, leader of the band and Villa's chief lieutenant was the originator of the idea of cutting off the ears of captured government soldiers. Many others of his command are reported to have been made prisoners.

Troops continue to pour into Chihuahua City from the south to participate in the Villa hunt. Gen. Apolonio Trevino's command arrived from Torreon today and paraded through the streets. The horses of this command were in good conditions and the troops will be sent in pursuit of Villa at once. Gen. Fortunato Maycotte is expected to arrive here soon with his command from the Laguna district near Torreon. The command of Gen. Carlos Azunos was en route from Saltillo to reinforce the garrison here and a command from Monterey under Col. Muzquiz, also is on the road.

## VILLA WEARING BEARD.

Bandit Chieftain Said to Walk With Difficulty.

El Paso, Sept. 28.—Villa is wearing a long black beard, limps badly from the wound from the bullet in his right leg and walks with difficulty even when using his crutch, a foreign business man who arrived at the border today declared. He claimed to have seen Villa during the attack on Chihuahua City.

## MORE TIME FOR REGISTRATION.

Governor Wires All County Boards to Enroll Citizens Through Next Saturday.

Columbia, Sept. 30.—Gov. Manning yesterday directed the attention of commissioners of registration in the various counties of the State to the statutory provision which orders that all books of registration shall be kept open until within 30 days of the general election. Under this provision registration will continue through Saturday, October 7. The chief executive is anxious that all qualified electors may have the opportunity to vote in the general election November 7. The communication to the registration boards follows:

"Under section 205, volume 1, code of 1912, books of registration may be kept open for registration of qualified electors until 30 days before general election. This will authorize you to allow qualified electors to register up to and including next Saturday, October 7, until midnight. Please give as much publicity as possible, so that all who are qualified may protect their right to vote in general election."

## NORWEGIANS LOSE SHIPS.

War Has Levied Heavy Toll on Norwegian Shipping.

London, Sept. 30.—Twenty Norwegian vessels, valued at five and a quarter million dollars were sunk by mines or torpedoed during September, Copenhagen dispatches stated. Norwegian ship lost since the war began were valued at seventeen and a-half million.

## FRENCH RENEW ATTACKS.

Progress Made on Western Front by Allies.

Paris, Sept. 29.—The French have renewed attacks on the Fricourt-Morval line, making fresh progress. These attacks followed British assaults northwest of Bapaume. Artillery duels are in progress north and south of Somme.

## Little Cotton to Be Gathered.

Bishopville Leader and Vindicator. Mr. R. L. Durant who with Mr. A. B. Baskin put up a ginney near Manville on the S. A. L. railway, says that all the early planted cotton in that section is about gathered and not enough received at ginney to keep it running regularly.

## COTTON CONDITION IS 59.6.

## CROP IN FIELDS DETERIORATE 4.7 POINTS FROM AUG. 22 TO SEPT. 22.

Lowest Condition Percentage in Past Ten Years With Exception of 1909—South Carolina 1.6 Lower.

New York, Sept. 29.—The condition of cotton on an average date of September 22, as compiled from over 2,000 replies of special correspondents of this paper, was 59.6 per cent, as compared with 64.3 per cent. a month ago, or a decline of 4.7 points. This is the lowest percentage in ten years, except in 1909, when it was 59.5 on an acreage of 32,292,000 and a yield of 10,004,000 bales.

Acreage planted this year was 35,994,000. The decline for the month, 4.7 points, is close to the ten-year average of 5.1 points. The ten-year average condition is 67 per cent. A year ago at this time the condition was 63.7 per cent; in 1914 it was 75.4 per cent; in 1913 it was 67.1 per cent; in 1912 it was 70.3 per cent, and in 1911 it was 70.8 per cent.

Condition by States with comparisons follows:

	Oct. 1915.	Sept. 1915.	1914.	1916.	Oct.	Oct.
N. Carolina	65.9	70.3	71.4	78.3		
S. Carolina	57.4	59.0	65.8	73.0		
Georgia	62.4	65.9	62.1	79.4		
Florida	62.6	67.0	59.5	80.8		
Alabama	40.5	53.3	59.8	76.3		
Mississippi	46.1	59.7	63.7	71.1		
Louisiana	59.8	67.6	62.0	71.0		
Texas	64.2	65.8	62.7	74.9		
Arkansas	66.0	73.4	66.2	72.2		
Tennessee	71.4	79.7	72.9	74.6		
Missouri	69.0	75.7	71.7	69.0		
Oklahoma	62.3	62.8	66.8	81.0		
Average	59.6	64.3	63.7	75.5		

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## COTTON AT AUGUSTA DAMAGED.

Fire Breaks Out Among Five Hundred Bales but Much Will be Salvaged.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 29.—Fire broke out tonight among 500 bales of cotton in the Union Compress company's plant here. There is full insurance. No theory of the origin of the flames is advanced.

The Union Compress cotton fire was confined to one compartment. The cotton affected is worth \$37,500. There will be a large salvage, as the fire department got the flames under control speedily.

## ELECTION COMMISSIONERS NAMED.

Gov. Manning Appoints Men to Govern Elections in November.

Gov. Manning appointed the commissioners for the next State and federal elections yesterday. The following are the commissioners appointed for Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties:

Sumter county, State, F. A. McLeod, L. S. Vinson, T. E. Hodge; federal, T. B. Kennedy, H. L. Tisdale, R. Oliver.

Clarendon county, State, J. K. Eredin, Jasper Turbeville, J. A. James; federal, W. C. Davis, A. W. Scarborough, L. R. Griffin.

Lee county, State, J. B. Kilgore, B. D. Law, H. A. Moseley; federal, J. Manly Smith, E. G. Smith, F. A. Atkinson.

The election will be held Tuesday, November 7th.

## HUGHES ENDS SECOND TOUR.

Republican Candidate Has Covered Twenty Thousand Miles on Campaign Trip.

Andover, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Judge Hughes tonight finishes his second campaign tour by a trip to Buffalo, having covered twenty thousand miles. Judge Hughes made a ten-minute speech here from the car platform.

## BANKER KILLS HIS WIFE.

Frederick Small, of Boston, Charged With First Degree Murder.

Mountain View, N. H., Sept. 30.—A first degree murder charge will be placed against Frederick Small, a Boston banker, whose wife's body was found in the charred ruins of their summer cottage. A bullet wound was found in the woman's cheek and other wounds on her body.

## GERMANS FORESEE DEFEAT.

English Papers Say Chancellor's Speech Admits Defeat.

London, Sept. 30.—German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the reichstag is regarded as an admission that Germany sees that defeat is inevitable. It was indicated by the chancellor's statement a ruthless submarine warfare is to be resumed. Responsible newspapers, including The Times and Chronicle, analyzing his speech say it reflects official pessimism. Government officials express no exaggerated hopes. They say that Germany will fight on and it may take many months before the end is near.